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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : KARLHEINZ BEYRICH ET AL.

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Title :

APPARATUS FOR TRANSFERRING MEMBRANES TO A

CONTINUOUSLY OPERABLE SEALING CARROUSEL FOR THE HEAT SEALING OF CAN-LIKE PACKAGING MATERIALS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents, Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to examination kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Translated Specification:

Page 1, line 1, delete the paragraph reading "Description";

above the first paragraph and below the title, insert

-- Background of the Invention:

Field of the Invention: --.

above the last pragraph, insert

-- Summary of the Invention: --.